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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AFIN PFOR PROP LA
SUBJ: LPDR WAGE EQUALIZATION PLAN TO AFFECT EMBASSY LOCAL
EMPLOYEES

REF: VIENTIANE 2847

1. THREE LPDR OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
HAVE TOLD EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES ABOUT A POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT
PLAN TO TAX PART OF THE WAGES OF THE EMPLOYEES. THE LPDR
WOULD LIKE TO EQUALIZE WAGES PAID TO LAO EMPLOYEES OF FOREIGN
EMBASSIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE WAGES OF
THEIR EQUIVALENTS IN THE GOVERNMENT.

2. ONE OF THE LOCAL LAO EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WHO SPOKE TO TWO
MFA OFFICIALS ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS TOLD EMBOFF THAT SALARY
EQUALIZATION WOULD MOST LIKELY BE A MAJOR TOPIC DISCUSSED
IN UPCOMING SEMINAR ORGANIZED FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF FOREIGN
EMBASSIES, AS REPORTED REFTEL. NONE OF THE MFA OFFICIALS
REPORTEDLY SAID WHEN THE MEASURE WOULD BE INTRODUCED OR
HOW IT WOULD BE ADMINISTERED.

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